

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for monitoring user actions on a computer system, comprising:

(a) determining, with a first application programming interface (API), whether a first screen object has been acted upon by a user, the first API being coordinate-independent and application message independent with respect to the first screen object; and

(b) in response to (a), capturing a user event associated with the first screen object;

(c) representing the captured user event as an event entry in a file; and

(d) playing back the user event from the event entry of the file to autonomously reproduce the captured user event.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(e) ~~(e)~~ processing the captured user event.

3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the first API comprises an Active Accessibility® API.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(e) ~~(d)~~ determining, with a second API, whether a second screen object has been acted upon by the user.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(e) ~~(d)~~ determining, with a second API, whether the first screen object has been acted upon by the user.

6. **(Canceled)**

7. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein ~~(e)~~ (e) further comprises:

(ii) storing the file.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 7, wherein ~~(e)~~ (e) further comprises:

(iii) retrieving the file.

9. **(Canceled)**

10. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein ~~(e)~~ (e) further comprises:

(ii) editing the event entry of the file.

11. **(Original)** The method of claim 10, wherein (ii) comprises:

(1) modifying the event entry to represent a modified user event.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein the file comprises a text file.

13. **(Original)** The method of claim 7, wherein the text file complies with an Extensible Markup Language (XML) format.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 2, further comprising:

(f) ~~(d)~~ inputting a command, through a user interface, that is indicative of subsequent processing of the user event.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 14, wherein the command is indicative of recording the user event, wherein (e) ~~(e)~~ comprises:

(i) determining a speed associated with the user event, the speed being associated with a duration of the user event;

(ii) determining whether a cursor is positioned over the first screen object; and

(iii) if the cursor is over the first object, accessing and recording parameters associated with the first screen object.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The method claim 15, wherein (e) ~~(e)~~ further comprises:
 - (iv) highlighting the first screen object.
17. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 15, wherein (e) ~~(e)~~ further comprises:
 - (iv) if a keystroke is entered, associating the keystroke with a previously recorded object.
18. **(Original)** The method of claim 7, wherein (ii) comprises:
 - (1) creating a knowledge base for archiving and exchanging at least one file, wherein each file comprises a representation of a set of user events.
19. **(Original)** The method of claim 18, wherein (ii) further comprises:
 - (2) maintaining the knowledge base in accordance with at least one subsequent user event.
20. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the first API is selected from the group consisting of an Access Accessibility® API, a Win32® API, and a Windows® system hooks API.
21. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the first screen object is associated with an application program.
22. **(Original)** The method of claim 21, wherein the first screen object comprises a desktop object.
23. **(Original)** The method if claim 1, wherein the first screen object is associated with a web page.

24. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the user event occurs on a first computer of the computer system and wherein the user event is captured on the first computer.

25. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the user event occurs on a first computer of the computer system and wherein the user event is captured on a second computer of the computer system.

26. **(Original)** The method of claim 25, wherein an application or web page interacts with a remote software component through a toolbar in conjunction with a terminal service client.

27. **(Original)** The method of claim 13, wherein the XML file is exported as a hyper text markup language (HTML) file, wherein a web browser is utilized to playback the HTML file.

28. **(Original)** The method of claim 14, wherein the command is selected from the group consisting of a new command, an open command, a view command, a save command, a notes command, a record command, a back command, and a next command.

29. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 14, wherein the command is indicative of playing back the user event, wherein (f) ~~(d)~~ comprises:

- (i) reading the event entry from a text file; and
- (ii) reproducing the user event from ~~the~~ determining whether a cursor is positioned over the first screen object.

30. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 14, wherein the command is indicative of playing back a file, wherein (e) ~~(e)~~ comprises:

- (i) enumerating a desktop;
 - (ii) in response to (i), drilling down through a hierarchy to find a matching screen object in accordance with at least one attribute of the event entry; and
 - (iii) if the matching screen object is not found, stopping playback of the file;
- and
- (iv) if the matching screen object is found, invoking a recorded action that is associated with the user event.

31. **(Original)** The method of claim 30, further comprising:

- (v) in response to (iv), proceeding to a next user event that is recorded by the file.

32. **(Original)** The method of claim 12, wherein the event entry comprises a notes attribute, the notes attribute providing an annotation about the user event.

33. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein (b) is performed by an ActiveX® component.

34. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 2, wherein (e) ~~(e)~~ is performed by an ActiveX® component.

35. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein the event entry comprises a text entry.

36. **(Original)** A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method as recited in claim 1.

37. **(Original)** A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing the method as recited in claim 2.

38. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing:

(a) a processing module that captures and processes a user event by utilizing an application programming interface (API), wherein the user event is associated with a screen object and wherein the API is coordinate-independent and application message independent with respect to the screen object; ~~and~~

(b) a data storage module that converts the user event to an event entry in a file; and

(c) a play back module that plays back the user event from the event entry of the file to autonomously reproduce the user event.

39. **(Currently Amended)** The computer-readable medium of clam 38, further comprising:

~~(d)~~ (e) an input user interface module that receives a command and notifies the processing module about the command, the command being indicative about subsequent capturing and processing of the user event by the processing module.

40. **(Canceled)**

41. **(Canceled)**

42. **(Currently Amended)** A method for monitoring user actions on a computer system, comprising:

(a) inputting a command that is indicative of subsequent processing of the user event.

- (b) in response to (a), determining, with an application programming interface (API), whether a screen object has been acted upon by a user, the API being coordinate-independent and application message independent with respect to the screen object;
- (c) in response to (a), capturing a user event associated with the screen object;
- (d) representing the captured user event as an event entry in a text file;
- (e) subsequently retrieving the text file; and
- (f) playing back the user event from the event entry of the text file, wherein the user event is autonomously reproduced on an output device.

43. **(Currently Amended)** A method of claim 1, further comprising:

(e) ~~(e)~~ determining, with the first API, whether another screen object has been acted upon by the user, the first API being coordinate-independent and application message independent with respect to the other screen object; and

(f) ~~(d)~~ in response to (e) ~~(e)~~, capturing another user event associated with the other screen object.

44. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(e) ~~(d)~~ determining, with a second API, whether the first screen object has been acted upon by the user.

45. **(New)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(e) including a note to the event entry.